

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 31, as follows:

The method is shown in Figure 3 which shows a conducting crucible ~~{{1}}~~51 which is made the cathode containing a molten salt ~~{{2}}~~5 and inserted therein is an anode 3. Titanium dioxide powder ~~{{4}}~~52 is fed into the crucible where it undergoes reduction and is deposited at the base of the crucible. The thick arrow shows the increasing thickness of the reduced feedstock ~~{{5}}~~53.